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Dear Parents/Carers

Industrial Action by Teachers: proposals for strike days

I am following up from the letter sent on 19th January from our CEO James McGeachie regarding Industrial action by teachers who are members of the NEU. We now have plans in place which involves closing specific classes for the four days of action by the NEU.

At present, **RAW, RKD, 1HC, 2SK, 2SW, 3JW, 5HW and 5S** will be closed on:

- Wednesday 1 February
- Wednesday 1 March
- Wednesday 15 March
- Thursday 16 March

Please note that these plans may change as the industrial action proceeds. I will keep you informed of any changes as they arise. For pupil premium children who receive free school meals, a 'grab bag' packed lunch will be provided and can be collected from 11.30am via the office. This does not apply for children in Reception and KS1 who receive Universal Free School Meals.

For children in these classes who are not in school, we would be grateful if they could complete any homework set that week, read at least once during the day and practice spellings or times tables set.

Children of critical workers and vulnerable children

The Government has asked us to prioritise children of critical workers and vulnerable children. The full list of critical workers can be found in Annex B at the end of the Government's guidance for schools on emergency planning link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1114577/Emergency_planning_and_response_for_education_childcare_and_children_s_social_care_settings.pdf

If you believe that you are a critical worker and would like to ensure a place in school on strike days for your child(ren), please contact the school as soon as you can by emailing office@goodshepherd.notts.sch.uk or telephoning 0115 9262983.

All children who are on our 'vulnerable' groups list will be offered a place on the four days. Parents of these children will be contacted separately this week to confirm arrangements.

Please note that children who fall into the critical worker/vulnerable categories will not access usual curriculum on strike days and will be supervised by school support staff.

Yours sincerely,

C Toner

Headteacher

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